

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-21

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY FOR ALL PERSONS, REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, IMMIGRATION OR REFUGEE STATUS, RELIGION, SEX, GENDER IDENTITY (INCLUDING GENDER EXPRESSION), SEXUAL ORIENTATION, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL ABILITY, VETERAN STATUS, OR AGE

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Grove is committed to living its values as a welcoming city for all individuals and is a community that seeks to accept and support all people, regardless of a person's race, color, national origin, immigration or refugee status, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, mental and physical ability, veteran status, or age; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion, integration and safety of all residents are vital concerns for the general welfare of the City in all respects and discrimination on any of the above is against the public policy of the City; and

WHEREAS, chronic discrimination against any group of persons can negatively impact the health, well-being and general welfare of the City by leading to community disengagement, diminished economic and educational opportunities, increased stigmatization, diminished physical, mental and emotional health; and

WHEREAS, all residents and visitors within the City need to feel safe to contact local law enforcement or city administration and be able to access critical public safety services without fear; and

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Grove has consistently complied with and will continue to comply with the state laws of Oregon; specifically Oregon Revised Statute 181A.820 adopted nearly 30 years ago, which states that: "No law enforcement agency of the State of Oregon or of any political subdivision of the state shall use agency moneys, equipment or personnel for the purpose of detecting or apprehending persons whose only violation of law is that they are persons of foreign citizenship present in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Grove, as a community that celebrates the wide diversity of its residents and visitors, actively seeks to promote as core obligations the health, well-being, and general welfare of the City, and the City's ongoing prosperity depends upon the harnessing all labor, skills, and ideas available to the City for economic growth and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Grove recognizes the inherent worth and dignity of all persons, who should be treated with compassion and respect regardless of race, color, national origin, immigration or refugee status, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, mental, emotional and physical ability, veteran status, or age.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Forest Grove is an inclusive City that embraces, celebrates, and welcomes the collective contributions to the prosperity of the City of all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, immigration or refugee status, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, mental and physical ability, veteran status, or age.

Section 2. The City of Forest Grove will continue to comply with the laws of the State of Oregon with respect to the prohibition of the use of funds, personnel and equipment for the enforcement of federal immigration law and strive to discourage harassment and discrimination against all residents.

Section 3. The provision of services by the City, in as much as the laws and ordinances allow, shall not be conditioned upon a resident's race, color, national origin, immigration or refugee status, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, mental and physical ability, veteran status, or age.

Section 4. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its enactment by the City Council.

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 13th day of February, 2017.



Anna D. Ruggles, City Recorder

APPROVED by the Mayor this 13th day of February, 2017.



Peter B. Truax, Mayor



A place where families and businesses thrive.

CITY RECORDER USE ONLY:

AGENDA ITEM #:

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MEETING DATE:

2/13/17

FINAL ACTION:

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as amended
Section - 2

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Ashley Driscoll, City Attorney
Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager

MEETING DATE: February 13, 2017

SUBJECT TITLE: Councilor-sponsored Resolution Declaring Forest Grove an Inclusive Community

BACKGROUND:

On January 23, 2017, the City Council considered Mayoral-sponsored Resolution No. 2017-16, declaring the City of Forest Grove a "Sanctuary City". As the City of Forest Grove Charter chapter III, section 13 requires the express approval of a majority of a quorum of the Council to approve a council action, the Resolution failed by a vote of 3-3 with six members present.

Resolution 2017-16 was submitted following a public hearing on January 9th, 2017, "to consider whether to enact a resolution affirming the City of the Forest Grove's commitment to a safe, open, and inclusive community for all people." The January 9th public hearing followed the submittal of a letter by Mayor Truax during the Mayor's Report on December 12th, 2016, in which the Council reached consensus to hold a public hearing and solicit input on three options contained in the Mayor's letter: 1) take no action, 2) support an inclusive community, or 3) support an inclusive community by declaring Forest Grove a "sanctuary" city.

STATUS/UPDATE:

Since the public hearing on January 9th, the City of McMinnville adopted a Resolution to declare the City of McMinnville an inclusive city for all persons. (Attachment 1). Also attached is a councilor-sponsored resolution by Councilor Rippe "Declaring the City of Forest Grove an inclusive community for all persons, regardless of race, color, national origin, immigration or refugee status, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, mental and physical ability, veteran status or age." Councilor Rippe advised the City Manager within 10 days to place it on the agenda for tonight's City Council meeting. (Attachment 2).

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) City of McMinnville Resolution of Inclusivity
- 2) Councilor Rippe-sponsored Resolution



RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03

A Resolution to declare the City of McMinnville as an Inclusive City for all persons, regardless of race, color, national origin, immigration or refugee status, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, mental, emotional and physical ability, age, or economic status.

RECITALS:

Persons of all races, colors, national origins, immigration or refugee status, religions, sexes, gender identities (including gender expression), sexual orientations, disabilities, ages, or economic status have contributed to the health, well-being, and general welfare of the City as families, neighbors, workers and taxpayers.

Inclusion and integration of all residents is a vital concern for the general welfare of the City in all respects, and discrimination based on the race, color, national origin, immigration or refugee status, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, mental, emotional, and physical ability, age, or economic status of any person is against the public policy of the City.

Chronic discrimination against any group of persons can negatively impact the health, well-being and general welfare of the City by leading to community disengagement, diminished economic and educational opportunities, increased stigmatization, diminished physical, mental and emotional health.

Promotion of health, well-being, and general welfare are core obligations of the City, and the City's ongoing prosperity requires harnessing all available labor, skills, and ideas to grow the City's economy and expand opportunities.

The City recognizes the inherent worth and dignity of all persons, who should be treated with compassion and respect regardless of race, color, national origin, immigration or refugee status, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, mental, emotional, and physical ability, age, or economic status.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF McMINNVILLE, OREGON as follows:

1. The City of McMinnville is an Inclusive City that embraces, celebrates, and welcomes the collective contributions to the prosperity of the City of all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, immigration or refugee status, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, mental, emotional and physical ability, age, or economic status.
2. Consistent with the laws of the State of Oregon and the Charter of the City of McMinnville, the use of City funds, personnel or equipment for the enforcement of federal immigration law is prohibited.
3. The provision of services or benefits by the City shall not be conditioned upon a resident's race, color, national origin, immigration or refugee status, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, mental, emotional, and physical ability, age, or economic status.
4. This Resolution will take effect immediately upon passage and shall continue in full force and effect until revoked or replaced.

Adopted by the Common Council of the City of McMinnville at a regular meeting held the 10th day of January, 2017 by the following votes:

Ayes: Drabkin, Garvin, Jeffries, Menke, Stassens, Ruden

Nays: _____

Approved this 10th day of January, 2017.



MAYOR

Approved as to form:



CITY ATTORNEY

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